

Subject: Re: EVICTIONS MONITORING**Date:** Mon, 1 Nov 2004 00:47:05 -0800 (PST)**From:** andrew_ryder@romanistan@yahoo.com**To:** ustiben.5@ntlworld.com**CC:** codona9@aol.com, Rachelfrancisingham@yahoo.co.uk, fft@communitybase.org,nolettekeaneitm@hotmail.com, sherry_peck@ormiston.org,joe@travellerschaplaincy.org.uk, chrisjohnson@communitylawpartnership.co.uk

Hi Grattan,

The legal representatives for Smithy Fen hope to secure a judicial review - so there is a chance there will be no eviction (we are praying). The Monitoring is being carried out by representatives of the Ormiston Trust (do not publicise this), they I presume will cover costs.

Twin Oaks (Herts)- I gather the Community Law Partnership say that if there is no more legal mileage to be had then their clients would be advised to leave. The family will need to carefully consider their options.

Woodside - I do not know what the score is regarding an eviction.

You have made an open invitation on the internet to monitor at the Herts eviction - this is not in the spirit of the eviction monitoring proposal - which says only small teams of experienced people approx 3 should monitor/mediate - they must not engage in organising resistance to an eviction. I have a great deal of respect for Patrick Egan and I am sure he would agree this is the best course of action.

There has been a crisis for some time and we are in a difficult and sensitive period - what with the media attacks, the passage of the Housing Bill and now some possible high profile evictions - for the good of all - discipline and careful coordination worked out in agreement should be the order of the day.

However, the administration of the monitoring proposal is being carried out outside of the Coalition by FFT and ITM until proper funding can be secured.

Regards

Andrew Ryder

"ustiben.5" <ustiben.5@ntlworld.com> wrote:

Andrew,

As you'll know from Cliff's posting, there are now three (if not four) evictions/removals imminent.

- 1) Smithy Fenn
- 2) Twin Oaks (Borehamwood Borough Council)
- 3) Woodside (front plots)

This could involve the destruction of up to 60 plots - and a lot of people being thrown out on the road.

It's the worst crisis we've faced. Let's all pull together on this.

Having Monitors at each of these places is a must.

Cliff and Janie have been covering Smithy Fen and of course Woodside (and will continue to do so) Patrick Egan, with Hazel (video-maker), is covering Twin Oaks.

But it would help if they , and others who may join in the Monitoring , can (through you) draw on the funds (£600?) raised for the Monitoring Team. The reports need to be done quickly for CRE, COHRE etc.

All the best
Grattan

andrew ryder wrote:

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> Dear Grattan,
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> FFT and ITM are establishing an eviction monitoring process,
> they should be asked to organise observers.
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> Regards
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> Andrew
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